Sanford-Fritch Independent School District

P.O. Box 1290 · Fritch, Texas 79036

DAYMUN WHITE Superintendent 806-857-3122

CRAIG ADAMS Assistant Superintendent 806-857-3125

RICHARD HEIN Director of Technology 806-857-3122



JIM MCCLELLAN, Principal Sanford-Fritch High School 806-857-3121

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LARRY GREEN, Principal C.H.A.M.P.S. 806-857-3438

April 13, 2009

To the House Education Committee:

I, Daymun White, Superintendent of Sanford-Fritch ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Dayrdun White



DUBLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 420 N, CAMDEN — PO BOX 169 DUBLIN, TEXAS 76446 (254) 445-3341 — FAX (254) 445-3345

April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Roy Neff, Superintendent of Dublin ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you for your time and service to the students of Texas.

Sincerely,

Roy Neff

Superintendent of Schools

Milford Independent School District

Post Office Box 545 Milford, Texas 76670 (972) 493-2921 FAX (972) 493-2429

Marilee Byrne Principal Don Clingenpeel Superintendent

I,Don Clingenpeel Superintendent of Milford ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA,GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Don Clingenpeel

Supt. Milford ISD

WILSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

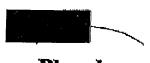
P.O. Box 9 Wilson, TX 79381

I, Michael Norman, Superintendent of Wilson ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA,GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Norman Superintendent

Wilson ISD



Bloomburg Independent School District



307 West Cypress Bloomburg, TX 75556

Michael J. White

Superintendent of Schools

Phone: 903-728-5151 Fax: 903-728-5190

Brian Stroman

Principal K – 6 Phone: 903-728-5216 Fax: 903-728-5399

Lorinda Allen

Principal 7 – 12 Phone: 903-728-5216 Fax: 903-728-5399

Kelly McCormick

Counselor Phone: 903-728-5216 Fax: 903-728-5399 April 13, 2009

To: Texas Legislature

Re: HB 1555

I, Michael J. White, Superintendent of Bloomburg ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 % We ealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. White Superintendent

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WEIMAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

506 West Main Street – Weimar, Texas 78962

979-725-9506

FAX Number 979-725-8737

April 12, 2009

I, Dr. Colleen Netterville, superintendent of Weimar ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Or Colleen Netterville

Superintendent Weimar ISD



P. O. Box 310 1600 Bundy Street Matador, TX 79244 Phone: 806 347-2676 Fax: 806 347-2871

4-13-2009

Dr. Andrew Selgrist Superintendent To: Texas Legislature

William Cochran Principal From: Dr. Andrew Seignist

Re: HB 1555

I, Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent of Motley County ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

For the kids,

Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent of Schools, Motley County ISD

Anthony Independent School District

Ron Haugen, Superintendent 840 Sixth Street Anthony, Texas 79821-1279 Phone (915) 886-6500 FAX (915) 886-4973

April 13, 2009

To Our Elected State Official:

I, Ronald Haugen, Superintendent of Anthony Independent School District, support House Bill 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. House Bill 1555 is the only school finance bill being presented that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin Independent School District.

Sincerely

Ronald Haugen, Superintendent

TORNILLO ISD

Post Office Box 170 Tornillo, Texas 79853

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April 13, 2009

Public Education Committee Members Texas House of Representatives

Hello:

Please accept this letter as my written endorsement and support HB 1555. I respectfully request that you vote this measure out of committee so that it may be considered by the full house. It is my opinion that HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system. This legislation improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth as represented by using Austin ISD as the benchmark.

As I am sure you are all aware, your own Legislative Budget Board released a report on March 31st that contained a serious concern that fairness and equity in Texas schools had been slipping in the last several years. HB1555 is an excellent opportunity to correct this slippage while also confirming the sincere commitment of our lawmakers to take steps to ensure that every Texas child gets a fair shot at educational opportunity.

I thank you for your service and I thank you for the opportunity to share my views.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Vranish

Electra Independent School District

Gary Nightingale, Superintendent 621 North Waggoner • P.O. Box 231 Electra, Texas 76360-0231

April 13, 2009

I, Gary Nightingale, Superintendent of Electra ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor, HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Gary Nightingale Superintendent

San Saba Independent School District

808 West Wallace · San Saba, Texas 76877 · 325/372-3771



April 13, 2009 -

RE: San Saba ISD Supports HB 1555

I, Leigh Ann Glaze, Superintendent of San Saba ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Please support Texas Public Schools with your action!

Respectfully submitted

Leigh/Ann Glaze

Superintendent of Schools

San Saba ISD



Jack Coody Superintendent

Bryson Independent School Pistrict

Drawer 309 Bryson, Texas 76427 (940) 392-3281 Fax (940) 392-2086 jcoody@brysonisd.net

Education Committee for Texas State House of Representatives,

I, Jack Coody Superintendent of Bryson ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of four allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Jack Coody



DEWEYVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 408 DEWEYVILLE, TEXAS 77614 OFFICE: (409) 746-7702 FAX: (409) 746-3360

April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Rick Summers, Superintendent of Schools of the Deweyville Independent School District, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin Independent School District.

Sincerely,

Rick Summers

Superintendent of Schools

Deweyville Independent School District



P. O. Box 310 1600 Bundy Street Matador, TX 79244 Phone: 806 347-2676 Fax: 806 347-2871

4-13-2009

Dr. Andrew Seignist Superintendent

To: Texas Legislature

William Cochran Principal

From: Dr. Andrew Seigrist

Re: HB 1555

I, Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent of Motley County ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

For the kids,

Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent of Schools, Motley County ISD



High Island Independent School District • P.O. Box 246 • 2113 6th Street • High Island, TX 77623-02-**SUPERINTENDENT** (409)286-5317 Mrs. Paula A. Quick

PRINCIPAL (409)286-5314 Mr. Audie Tackett

FAX (409)286-535

April 13, 2009

I, Paula A. Quick, Superintendent of High Island ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

High Island ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

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Union Grove School District

Brian S. Gray, Superintendent
P. O. Box 1447
11220 Union Grove Rd.
GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647
Ph. (903) 845-5500 • FAX (903) 845-6178

Principals Chris Wayt, JR/SR High School Libby Gamble - Assistant Principal (903) 845-5506 FAX 845-3003

Craig Attaway, Elementary Principal Kelly Moore, Assistant Principal (903) 845-6927 FAX 845-6270

April 13, 2009

RE: HB 1555

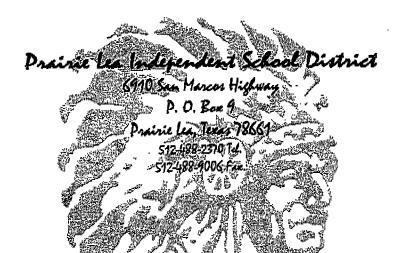
I, Brian Gray, Superintendent of Schools-Union Grove ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Brian Gray-Superintendent of Schools

Union Grove ISD

The Home of Lion Pride!



April 13, 2009

l, Jesus Lopez III, Superintendent of Prairie lea ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB1555 is the only school finance will that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD

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Superintendent

ETOILE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

936-854-2238

FAX 936-854-2241

P.O. BOX 98 ETOILE, TEXAS 75944 ANDY TREKELL SUPERINTENDENT

April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Andy Trekell, Superintendent of Etoile ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (AB, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Andy Trekell Superintendent Etoile ISD

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Etoile ISD is that all students are prepared for a successful life, in a safe and civil environment, which provides quality individualized instruction; maintains high standards and expectations; increases a love for learning; and promotes ethics, high morality and integrity in all endeavors.

LINGLEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 134 Phone (254) 968-2596 21261 North FM 219 Fax (254) 965-5821 e-mail:lisd@sville.us Lingleville, Texas 76461 www.lingleville.k12.tx.us

Dennis S. Hughes, Superintendent dshughes@syille.us

Mike Thompson, Principal mthompson@sville.us

Lingleville ISD does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, or sex in the educational programs and activities that it operates.

April 13, 2009

I, Dennis S. Hughes Superintendent of Lingleville ISD support HB 155 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improve equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

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ROXTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 307 • Roxton, Texas 75477 • (903) 346-3213

I, Kenneth Hall, superintendent of Roxton ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you,

Kenneth Hall, Ed.D

Kenneth Hall

Superintendent of Schools-Roxton ISD



George West Independent School District

2005-2006 Recognized District

2001-2002 Recognized District

2000-2001 Recognized District

ROBIN SELLMAN

TY SPARKS

Superintendent

Director of Educational Services

April 13, 2009

I, Ty Sparks, Superintendent of George West ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Ty Spark*

Superintendent George West ISD JEDRY SMITH, Superintendent JON DAVIDSON, Principal

DUSTY HILL, President SUSAN YOUNG, Secretary

Valley School

TURKLY-QUITAQUE CONSOLIDATED

P.O. BOX 397, TURKEY, TEXAS 79261 PHONE - 423-1348

Fax: (806) 455-1718

QUITAOUE, TEXAS 70255 PHONE 495-1411

April 13, 2009

Bill Grusendorf, Executive Director:

I, Jerry Smith Superintendent of Turkey-Quitqaque CISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

I want to thank the committe for giving this MB favorable consideration.

Jorry Smith, Supt.

CITY VIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(940) 855-4042

1025 CITY VIEW DRIVE WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS 76306 FAX (940) 851-8889

STEVE HARRIS

Superintendent

4-13-09

I, Steve Harris, Superintendent of City View ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA,GYA, and EWL) at the 95 %tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you,

Steve Harris - Supt. City View ISD



Bronte Independent School District

ALAN RICHEY, SUPERINTENDENT

MICHAEL BOHENSKEY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (325) 473-2521 FAX (325) 473-2022 P.O. BOX 670 BRONTE, TEXAS 76933-0670 PHONE: (325) 473-2511 FAX: (325) 473-2313 Website: www.bronte.nebv.net

DONNA POEHLS ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL (325) 473-2251 FAX (325) 473-2313

April 13, 2009

I, Alan Richey, Superintendent of Bronte ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA,GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

IDALOU INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jim Waller, Superintendent

P.O. Box 1338

Idalou, Texas 79329

(806) 892-2501

Fax (806) 892-3204

April 13, 2009

I, Jim Waller Superintendent of Idalou ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote in to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD

Sincerely,

Nim/Waller

Superintendent, Idalou ISD



Eula Independent School District... Charting A Course for Tomorrow...TODAY!

7lm Kellcy, Superintendent kelleyt@eulaisd.net

March 30, 2009

I, Tim Kelley Superintendent of Eula ISD have contacted my Representative Harvey Hildebrand and Susan King in support of HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments. It would eliminate old unneeded hold harmless provisions, outside the funding formulas and provide additional funding without requiring a property tax increase. This would create a consistency that Eula ISD could plan with confidence our for the coming years.

Hughes Springs Independent School District



Richard W. Ogden, Superintendent E-mail: ogdenr@hsisd.net Administrative Offices 871 Taylor Street • Hwy. 161 North Hughes Springs, Texas 75656 (903) 639-3800 • FAX (903) 639-2624

April 13, 2009

RE: HB 1555

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Rick Ogden, Superintendent of Hughes Springs ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system. It improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely

Rick Ogden

Superintendent of Schools

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TIMPSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Drawer 370 Timpson, Texas 75975 Phone 936/254-2463 Fax 936/254-3878

www.timpsonisd.com

April 13, 2009

TO:

BILL GRUSENDORF

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS

FROM:

MARY LYNN TINKLE

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

I, Mary Lynn Tinkle, Interim Superintendent of Timpson ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.



EASTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Donald W. Hughes, Superintendent PO Box 31 • Eastland, TX 76448 (254)631-5120 • Fax: (254)631-5126

April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Donald W. Hughes, Superintendent of Eastland ISD supports HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Hughes Superintendent

Eastland ISD

Garrison Independent School District

April 13, 2009

To: Chairman and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, Arnie Kelley, Superintendent of Garrison ISD, along with the Board of Trustees, support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

Arnie Kelley Superintendent Garrison ISD



901 Avenue H Blanket, TX 76432

I, Kevy Allred Superintendent of Blanket ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Kevy Allred Superintendent Blanket ISD Esparintandent's Office Telephone: 325-748-8311 Fax: 325-748-3391

Superintendent

Kevy Allred

Secretary

Trish Michael-Amos

Principal's Office Telephone: 328-748-3341 Fan: 328-748-2110

Secondary Principal Fax: 328-748-1071

Damon Wilson

Elementary Principal

Arenda Tunnell

Secretary

Sonya Netherton

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Connector

Brenda Tunnell

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Instructor

Royce Rodgers

Athletic Department

Africate Director

Darrin Barrow

Pootball Coach

Darrin Barrow

Boys' Basketball Coach

Scott Edmondson

Track Coach

Dayrin Barrow

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Rickey Holmsley Scott Edmondson

Head Girls, Coach

Regina Jackson

Girls' Assistant Coaches

Rickay Holmsley

Technology

Technology Director

Dale Cox

Custodial/Maintenance

Katie Edwards Larry Amos



COVINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P. (1 Box 87 501 N. Main Coving to 1. 7 76636 Phone (254) 854-2215 FAX (254) 854-2272 Diane Innis, Superintendent

April 13, 2009

House Public Education Committee:

I, Diane Innis, Superintendent of Covington ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you for all that you do for the children in Texas.

Sincerely,

Diane Innis

Superintendent

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HOLLIDAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Clarke Boyd Superintendent P.O. BOX 689 HOLJADAY, TEXAS 76366

940-586-1281 FAX 940-586-1492

April 13, 2009

I, Clarke Boyd, Superintendent of Holliday ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%ile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Syperintendent Holliday ISD

Savoy Independent School District

302 W. Hayes Savoy, Texas 75479 903-965-5262 903-965-7282 fax

Brian Neal, Superintendent

Mike Smith, High School Principal

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Brian Neal Superintendent of Savoy ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system and it improved equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Brian Neal Superintendent Savoy ISD

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SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box W • Eldorado: Texas 76936 • Phone (325) 853-2514 • Fax (325) 853-2695

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent, Ext. 222 . Business Manager, Ext. 225

Elderado High School State Mentor School, Principal - Ext. 322 Eldorado Middle School

Eldorado Elementary State Partnership School, Principal - Ext. 422. Promising Practices School, Principal - Ext. 522.

I, Billy Collins, Superintendent of Schleicher County ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. #B 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely

Billy Collins

Superintendent of Schools



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Sands Consolidated Schools

P.O. BOX 218 • ACKERLY, TEXAS 79713 432-353-4888

WAYNE BLOUNT Superintendent

CHRIS GASKINS Business Manager ZELDA BILBO Principal

Date: 4/13/2009

I, Wayne Blount Superintendent of Sands CISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

STAN BLAGRAVE President

MARTIN NICHOLS Vice President

STEVE BLAGRAVE Member

ROBIN BARRAZA Member

AMY PARKER Member

TOMMY STAGGS Member

MICHELLE ZANT Secretary Thank you,

Wayne Blount



DIME BOX PUBLIC SCHOOLS

P.O. DRAWER 157 DIME BOX, TEXAS 77853

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

PHONE (979) 884-2324 FAX (979) 884-0106

April 13, 2009

Committee Member – Texas House of Representatives:

Please support HB 1555 and vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our student-centered, formula-driven system. I believe this bill improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Donnie Reagan

Superintendent

Dime Box ISD

Lockney Independent School District OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

LOCKNEY, TEXA5 79241

April 13, 2009

To Whom it May Concern:

I, Phil Cotham, Superintendent of Lockney ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%ile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you for all your work in making schools successful and equitable for all students.

Sincerely, Phil Cotham

Superintendent



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Eustace Independent School District

Highway 316 South = P.O. Box 188 Eustace, Texas 75124 903-425-5151 FAX: 903-425-5147

COY HOLCOMBE Superintendent April 13, 2009

JANICE BEASLEY
Assistant
Superintendent

I, Coy Holcombe, superintendent of Eustace ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you for your time and attention to the matter.

Sincerely,

Cov Holcombe, Ed.D. Superintendent Eustace ISD

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (940) 682-4489

FAX (940) (582-4475

MILLSAP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(940) 552-4994 MIDDLE SCHOOL (940) 682-4994 ELEMENTARY \$CHOOL (940) 682-4894

SOS PINE STREET MILLSAP, TEXAS 75066

To Whom It May Concern,

L Jerry Lee Hunkapiller, Superintendent of Millsap ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully testores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments 9BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tild of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Superintendent

Millsap ISD

Coleman Independent School District

300 West Pecan Street Coleman, Texas 76834

P. O. Box 900 Coleman, Texas 76834 Royce A. Young Superintendent of Schools Telephona (325) 625-3575 Fax (325) 625-4751

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee:

Coleman ISD is desperately in need of a fair and equitable finance bill that will guarantee a quality education for the students of our district. We are operating with a \$200,000 deficit budget despite having cut personnel two years ago. Even though the Community of Coleman is going through troubling economic times, we will be forced to consider a tax rollback election within a year if some relief is not forthcoming. As Superintendent and Board Members of the Coleman Independent School District, we urge you to support HB 1555 and vote it to the floor. It is the only bill that fully restores the student centered formula driven system. It will improve equity and decrease recapture by setting all three allotments at the 95% tile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Now is the time to restore financial stability to our district and many others in the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

Royce Young, Superintendent
Dr. Mike Edington, Board President
Sue Sloan, Board Vice President
Viki Hambright, Board Secretary
Brent McMillan, Member
Jody Payne, Member

Mark Martinez, Member

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Hooks

Independent School District

Kathy G. Allen, Ed.D Superintendent of Schools

April 13, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, Kathy Allen, Superintendent of Hooks I.S.D., support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin I.S.D.

Kathy Ġ. Alleη,)Ed.D

Superintendent of Schools

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS

BILL GRUSENDORF-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 401 WEST DRY STREET SAN SABA, TEXAS 76877 TEL:325-372-5921

Email:tars@centex.net Web site-tarsed-org

To:

ALL TARS MEMBERS

From:

Bill

Date:

April 8, 2009

Subject:

Support of HB 1555

To answer the question about acquiring the witness forms and either mailing them or hand carrying them, to show your support for HR 1555, when it is heard next Tuesday, April 14, 2009, this is impossible as the wifness forms are not allowed out of the Capitol

But as your support is so valuable and essential to the passage of this bill I have a solution. I will have one or two TARS officers at the hearing to testify in support of the bill and am asking you to send a letter by Email or FAX in support of HB 1555. We will in turn deliver the Emails and FAXes sent by you in support of HB 1555. Your response should be sent to my office in San Saba, no later than Monday, April 13th, 4:p.m.

If you have any questions please call. (There will be someone at the San Saba office at all times to help you in any way.) Your support is vital and since I am not asking you to be there personally, this will be the next best thing. We did this for Paul Sadler when he was Chair of the Education Committee, some sessions ago, when we were attaining the Teacher Health Insurance Program. Please don't let the children of Texas down.

<u>SAN SABA NUMBERS</u>

The FAX number @ 325-372-6163 The Emzil address is tars@centex.net. The telephone number is 325-372-5821 Althe

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee. LANGERS-AVORA

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Anson Independent School District

"PROVIDING A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION"

JAY BACCUS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 1431 COMMERCIAL AVENUE, ANSON, TEXAS 79501 325-823-3671 FAX 325-823-4444



April 13, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

Dear Madam or Sir:

I, Jay Baccus, Superintendent of Anson ISD in Anson want to convey my support for HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

The current school funding package has already significantly changed our school district as we are currently cutting staff and reducing programs just to survive. Projected numbers have our district closing in two to three years due to lack of funding.

There are also two other funding packages before the committee that are significantly less effective in the first year and will be downright harmful in coming years. I again urge you to vote for HB 1555.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jăy Baccus, Superintendent

Anson ISD



NUECES CANYON

Consolidated Independent School District

"The Pride of Nueces Canyon"

P. O. Box 118 200 Taylor Street #1 Panther Circle Barksdale, Texas 78828 (830) 234-3514 Phone (830) 234-3435 Fax

April 13, 2009

Dear Public Education Committee Members,

From-MUECES CAMYON 15D

As Superintendent of the Nueces Canyon Consolidated Independent School District, I would like to let you know that I am strongly in favor of HB 1555 by Representative Patrick. I believe this bill will increase equity and at the same time reduce recapture. I believe it will be beneficial to all school districts at a time when school finance is a growing concern. I urge you to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Russ Perry, Ed.D.

ddelbosque@avalonisd.net

P.O. Box 455 Hwy. 34 & FM Road 55 Avalon, TX 76623 Phone: 972-627-3251 Fax: 972-627-3220

July 9, 2006

I, David Del Bosque, Superintendent of Avalon ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotment (BA, GYA, and EWL at the 95thtile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

My district's target revenue is the 32ndth lowest in the state with a target revenue of \$4356 per WADA, or roughly \$1419 less per student than the Austin target revenue. This great disparity equals a \$28,300 difference for every 20 students funded at the Austin level of \$5775.00.

Our children have the same hopes, dreams, and aspirations as children across the state. They are expected to meet the same academic standards yet our current system of target revenue funding does not provide equity in funding their educational needs.

Again, please support HB1555.

David Del Bosque

Superintendent Avalon ISD

New Deal Independent School District

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STEVE JERDEN, CPA Chief Financial Officer

JERRY ADAMS Principal, High School

> LANA McRAE Counselor

JIMMY NOLAND Superintendent STEVEN McCRAY Assistant Superintendent

MATT REED Principal, Middle School

KRISTI MAYO Principal, Elementary

I, Jimmy Noland, Superintendent of New Deal ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Jimmy Noland, Superintendent

New Dear SD

<u>4-13-09</u> Date



BOLING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

301 TEXAS AVENUE P.O. BOX 160 BOLING, TEXAS 77420-0160

CHARLES V. BUTCHER SUPERINTENDENT

WADE STIDEVENT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

April 13, 2009

Texas Association of Rural Schools Bill Grusendorf-Executive Director

I, Charles V. Butcher Superintendent of Boling ISD support HB 1555 and urge the commit to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth reported by the Austin ISD.

Charles V. Sworker 4/1/3/09



P.O. Box 307 D'Hanis, TX 78850 (830) 363-7215 Phone (830) 363-8116 Fax

Cowboy PRIDE Never Dies

Pam Seipp, Superintendent

April 13, 2009

I, Pam Seipp, Superintendent of D'Hanis Independent School District support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin Independent School District.

Respectfully

Pam Seipp, Superintendent

Comstock Independent School District 101 Sanderson St. • P.O. Box 905 Comstock, Texas 78837-0905 Telephone: 432-292-4444 • Fax: 432-292-4436

April 13, 2009

1, Orlie K. Wolfenbarger III, superintendent of Comstock ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA,GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Respectfully,

Superintendent Comstock ISD



Tolar Independent School District

Phone: (254) 835-4718

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Post Office Box 368 Tolar, Texas 76476

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Bysec Gibbs, Superintendent

Paul Ryan, Elementary Principal

Woody Martin, Jil Principal

Brandon Wood, Secondary Principal

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Jay Meyer, Member Brian Thomas, Secretary Dayld Brister, Vice President

Brandon Mahory, President

James Derver, Member Terry Leatherman, Member Mark Waldrop-Member

April 13, 2009

Committee Members:

I, Bruce Gibbs Superintendent of Tolar ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Bruce Gibbs.

Superintendent of Schools



Hull-Daisetta ISD

P.O. Box 477 Daisetta, Texas 77533

April 13, 2009

ADMINISTRATION (936) 536-6321 ext. 400 (936) 536-6251 Fex

ELEMENTARY (936) 536-6321 ext. 300 (936) 536-3839 Fax

High School/Junior High (936) 536-6321 ext. 100 (936) 536-3800 Fax I, Mary Huckabay, Superintendent of Hull-Daisetta ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at 95% of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Mary Huckabay
Superintendent



Callisburg Independent School District

448 Dozier Street GAINESVILLF, TEXAS 76240 Charles A. Holloway, Ed. D., Superintendent Ph. (940) 665-0540 Fax (940) 668-2706

May 13, 2009

I, Charles Holloway Superintendent of Callisburg ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only financial bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Charles Holloway

Superintendent

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Crosbyton Consolidated Independent School District 204 S. Harrison, Crosbyton, Texas 79322

Phone: (806) 675-7331 Administration Fax: (806) 675-2409 Marvin Stewart, Superintendent, ext. 201 Ophelia McNeill, Executive Assistant, ext. 200

April 13, 2009

Members of the Education Committee

Texas House of Representatives

Austin, Texas 78701

I, Marvin Stewart, Superintendent of Crosbyton CISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote for it to go to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (Basic Allotment, Guaranteed Yield Allotment, Equalized Wealth Level) at the same 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Yours truly,

Marvin Stewart

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Lohn Independent School District

P. O. Box 277 Lohn, Texas 76852 (325)344-5749 or 344-5755 Leon Freeman, Superintendent Heidi Gardner, Principal Fax (325)344-5789

As superintendent of Lohn ISD, I support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student-centered, formula-driven system, and it Improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Leon Freeman